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EXDIS, MAPUTO FOR LOW FROM DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CARVER-MACHEL MEETING AND APPROACH
TO MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE

REF: A. PRETORIA 0087, B. STATE 2377

1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE NEED FOR AN
APPROACH TO MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE, AND ON THE IMPORTANCE
OF CONVEYING TO THEM THE POINTS WHICH YOU SET FORTH IN
REFTEL A. WE HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE
MEETING WITH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE IN GABORONE BEYOND
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THAT CONTAINED REFTL A. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT WE
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BETWEEN LORD CARVER AND HIS PARTY AND MUZOREWA AND
SITHOLE, POSSIBLY IN GABORONE. IF HIS REACTION IS
NEUTRAL OR FAVORABLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST URGENT EFFORTS
TO SET UP THE MEETING. WE BELIEVE QUESTION OF LONDON
MEETING WITH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE SHOULD BE DEFERRED

UNTIL IT IS CLEAR WHETHER GABORONE MEETING WILL OCCUR,
AS WELL AS MEETING WITH PF IN LONDON.

2. IF WE WERE ABLE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH PF DISCUSSED
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OFFER THEM A VETO. WE WOULD TELL THEM THAT PURPOSE OF
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3. OUR GOALS IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH MUZOREWA AND
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PATRIOTIC FRONT TO COME TO LONDON FOR THE PROPOSED
TALKS WITH OWEN AND YOUNG; (B) BY STRAIGHT TALKING, TO
ALLAY SUSPICION THAT WE ARE SECRETLY SUPPORTING INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT; AND (C) TO REASSERT OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR
PROPOSALS AND THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO ARRANGE A
RHODESIAN SOLUTION BASED ON THEM.

4. WE SUGGEST IF THE FCO CONCURS THAT CARVER MAKE THE
FOLLOWING APPROACH TO MACHEL:

A. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT INDICATIONS THAT MUZOREWA
AND SITHOLE MAY BE CONSIDERING AGREEING TO SMITH'S
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B. WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD MEET WITH THEM TO CONVINCE
THEM THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PLAN, AND THAT OUR FIRM INTENTION IS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS
TO FIND AGREEMENT UNDER OUR PROPOSAL;

C. WE BELIEVE SUCH A MESSAGE COULD EFFECTIVELY BE CONVEYED
AT A MEETING BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE AND LORD
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D. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEEN URGING
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SITHOLE MIGHT AROUSE SUSPICION ON THE PART OF THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT WE THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO STIFFEN
THE RESOLVE OF THE FORMER AGAINST ACCEPTING AN INTERNAL

SETTLEMENT DEVISED BY SMITH.

5. FOR LOW: I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DAVID OWEN IN LONDON MONDAY, JANUARY 16. DON PETTERSON AND I PLAN TO ARRIVE ON THE MORNING OF THE 15TH. WHETHER THE MEETING TAKES PLACE WILL DEPEND ON THE EVENTS OF THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, BUT IF IT DOES I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR YOU TO BE THERE. LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS.

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